## MADE NEW DUPES: REVELED IN GOLD

Mrs. Chadwick Dressed Fashionably, Wore Diamonds and Used Many Names.

HISTORY OF LURID CAREER

Began Fleecing Operations Early in Life and Was Arrested. Story of Madame De Vere.

Behind the astounding revelations just made in connection with the affairs of Cassle L. Chadwick lies the bistory of a life as lurid as a remance. New York Herald of Sunday traces this history, in so far as it is possible to do The Herald says:

Cassie L. Chadwick, Elizabeth Hoover Chadwick, or Mrs. Leroy Shippen Chadwich, born the daughter of a farmer in reduced circumstances, is now in Tombs, while Federal and State nuthorities are steadily weaving about her a net of criminal charges. It is a fitting climax to a life in which events have followed events so quickly as to leave the mind

Chapter I .- "Betty" Bigley.

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Daniel Bigley, in the early littles, lived on a small farm at Eastwood, province of Ontarlo. He was poor and had a lorge family, eight children in all, and the fifth was a daughter, born in 1857, and christened Elizabeth, known to the other members of the family as "Betty."

"Betty" Bigley was never a particularly beautiful girl, and from early years suffered slightly from deafness. She also spoke with a lisp. She was bright, very bright. At school she was easily a leader in ther classes but she was not popular. Betty" Bigley was always strange-"peculiar" her schoolmates declared. She had a positive mania for fine clothing finer than her father could give her, and for jewelry. She was not like other girls. Once she went to a barber shop and had her long hair cropped short and actually donned boy's clothing. She was always scheming, they said, to obtain sometting for nothing.

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She carried cards which set forth that she was "Miss Bigley, heirers to \$15,00." Even then her power over men was manifest. She obtained credit from local merchants of Woodstock, about eight miles from her home, and one day she obtained \$250 on a note alleged to have been signed by a wealthy farmer near. Brantford. When that note came due, she took it up with another note, purporting to have been signed by Richard Kip. she took it up with another note, purporting to have been signed by Richard Kip, of Woodstock. When this note came due there was no money to july it, and the girl, in November, 1878, was arrested for forgery. The case attracted much attention. She was defended by Sergeant Finkle, now a crown judge. The defense was insanity, and in the trial many with

was insanity, and in the trial many witnesses were found to come forward with testimony as to her oddness and eccentricity. She was acquitted and never thereafter lived permanently in Woodstock. One of Danlet Bigley's daughters married a man of the name of Campbell and moved to Cleveand, O., in the seventies. A week after the trial at Ontario "Betty". Bigley appeared at the Campbell home. Mrs. chadwick had come forward declaring that also would attempt the reform of Mrs. Chadwick had come forward accum-ing that she would atempt the reform of high sister. The girl at once set out to learn dress-cutting, living quietly at the Campbell home. She soon became pro-ficient and opened a school for herself in the Argyle block, in a prominent the-roughfare. It was thought she had put astide all her inordinate desire for finer-and jewels.

But this was a wrong belief, Instead her appetite increased. With the school for the basis, she began a campaign on the money lenders of the city; Jewels, for the basis, she began a campaign on the money lends of the city. Jewels gowns and dresses soon became hers. When her personal credit ran out she coolly took her sister's name and began to get more than the relations of the coolly took her sister's name and began to get more than the relation to the cool of the money by giving chattel mortgages on the Campbell household goods. Mr. Campbell was well to do and she was enabled to run large accounts at the dry goods stores.

In Cleveland in 1850, there was a Dr. W.

S. Springsteen, and in some way "Betty" Bigley met him. Then she was an helress to a large estate in Ireland, visiting relin Cleveland, and Dr. Springatives in Cleveland, and Dr. Spring-steen paid court to her, They were mar-ried in 1830, and on the wedding night the bridgeroom had a disagreeable experience of seeing a regiment of instalment men descend upon the place and take away

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steen romance and the physician left her. Within a day the Campbel chattel mort gages became known and the sisters parted, Mrs. Springsteen brought sult for separation from her husband and lost

Chapter II .- Mrs. Hoover.

He subsequently obtained a divorce

ed her there. Back came a letter signed Miss Clingan.

Poor Mazie is dead. A large concourse

followed her to the grave. I thought you had heard. She was a splendid girl, but, unfortunately, weak minded."

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Mrs. Alice Bestado, clairvoyant, appeared in an extensive suite of offices of the Crocker block, Cleveland, in 1883. Her offices speedily became a meeting place for many men, some of them well known in the business world. Then began the usual campaign against the money-lenders and merchants, She lived

ant, at Toledo, Ohio.

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Chapter III .- Mmc. De Vere.

Mme. De Vere's career stands out boldly Mmo. De Vere's career stanus out booky and ends with a sentence to the penifertury for forgery, but hardly a day passes now that some new incident does not come out. Primarily she was a clairvoyant, foreseeing the future, but beyond that she was many things. Chiefly she was an heiress to a great estate in England, ifed the lifestion and driven to making a

thereafter that Mrs. Hoover became Mrs. Chadwick and the stage was set for the larger manical operations that have just culm nated in the arrest in this city.

Chapter IV.—Mrs. Chadwick.

Friendship between Dr. Chadwick and Mrs. Hoover ripened into love, and soon, as the wife of a prominent physician, who was able to support her in luxury, she began a new chapter in her life. Studiously from that day to this she has refused to speak of her past, and her husband has been equally refuent. Not even to his most initimate froends has he ever vouchsafed an explanation regarding his wife.

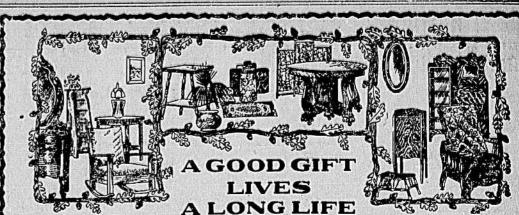
gan the iisual campaign against the money-lenders and merchants. She lived expensively and her jewels were the admiration of the city.

Another year saw Mrs. Scott, living in another section of the town, but a clarroyant, and recognized as Mrs. Bestado, Mrs. Clingan soon afterward took other apartments, and so did Mrs. Bagley, when creditors became importunate and the last of all, was Mrs. C. L. Hoover, Mrs. Hoover was the last name to be used in Cleveland in the '80s, and to sisters and family in Cleveland, as well as in Canada, word went that C. L. Hoover, an aged and wealthy man, had married her, only to die soon after. There was a son. He is her only child. To different persons she told different stories; once that he was the son of an attorney, at another time his father was a-banker. Cleveland became too warm in 1856, and that saw the disappearance of Mrs. C. L. Hoover, etc., from the Lake City and the reappearance of Mme. De Vere, clairvoyant, at Toledo, Ohio.

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In fact,

Why a second ceremony should have been performed in Canada probably the couple themselves alone know. In both instances efforts to keep the marriage a secret and to hold the records from publicity were successful. All that Dr. Chadwick's friends had to go on was his word, but they asked for nothing more. His position was such that no questions could be or would be asked about his wife, and until very lately ignorance as to her past did not lead to suspicion in the minds of



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#### STUDY OF FACES OF MAN AND WOMEN APOSTLES OF FRENZIED FINANCE



a Lydia Clingan, Lylie Clingan, Lylie Bagley was heard about all over the country, now the heiress to an estate abroad, now the wife of a prominent cittizen, now just Lydia Clingan, living a life that brought her into the acquaintlife that brought her into the acquaint-

anceship of many men. posed to have received from wealthy on the usual plea and then departed. She friends in Ireland. That ended the Spring-was located in Cleveland and bills reach-

police.

Mine. De Vere had several assistants in her clairvoyant parlors-young women. There were reports that some promienent Ohiolans had preferred to pay considerable

her friends and acquaintances that she was not all that she appeared to be—a woman of great wealth, whose pleasure it was to lavish fortunes on those to whom she took a fancy, and who was so prodigal in her expenditures as to attract attention even in the American colony in Paris, as well as in her home city.

One of her first hopes was to obtain leadership in the exclusive society of Cleveland. Soon after her marriage she gave a reception, to which many were invited who had not crossed the threshold of the Euclid Avenue residence of Dr. Chadwick since the death of his first wife, years before.

launching of the stranger into society. Her display of costly lewels was the talk of the town for a short time, and she succeeded in making a sensation, but that was all. Her failure to gain the social position she sought has been complete, in spite of several well planned campaigns sine has carried on since she took Dr. Chadwick's name.

But in less exclusive circles she had a host of friends, and many a girl of talent in Cleveland and elsewhere has to thank her for an education along musical or artistic lines in Europe and this country. Her generosity has been proverbial among those who knew her, and to her dispensers of charity knew they could turn for ald for those less fortunate than she.

During these years, after her failure to startle Cleveland society fino recognizing her on a footing of equality, she spent much of her time abroad, in this city and in the South. Her husband was also away from home for long periods, Following his marriage he gradually gave up his practice, and now for several years has made no pretense of attending patients. For the last two years he has been almost lost sight of, in fact. With his ninoteen-year-old daughter by his previous marriage, he has wandered over Europe without attracting any special attention.

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Up to about two years ago the husband and wife were almost constantly together, and seemed to have deep affection for each other. Their children, almost of the same age, appeared to have much in common, and in the days when the Chadwicks were known to a comparatively limited circle of friends, and were spending only thousands, their acquaintances pointed to them as a happy, congenial household.

Whether Mrs. Chadwick was then carrying on in a modest way her system of finance has not been disclosed. If she obtained large loans during the first five years of her life with Dr. Chadwick and failed to repay them, the victims have preferred to remain silent rather than face the publicity which would attend their disclosures. It is probable, though, that nobody suffered any loss through her at that time. It has all along been part of her system to establish her credit by borrowing small amounts and then by repaying the loan promptly, placing herself in a position where much larger amounts would be advanced to her without question as to her reliability. If there was anything still owed by her when she launched her new campaign, with the name of Andrew Carnegle to conjure with. she launched her new campaign, with the name of Andrew Carnegie to conjure with, and borrowed thousands, where up to that time she had been content with hundreds, she probably settled the claims, so that she probably settled the claims, so that on that score she had nothing to fear when she broadened the field of her activities.

#### Chapter V .- Prosperity.

Whether she herself devised the plan which brought her hundreds of thousands during the last two years and the question as to whether she has been alone in her operations or was only one of several persons; is one of the great mysteries of this chapter, which covers the two years up to the bringing of suit against Mrs. Chadwick by Herbert B. Newton to recover \$190,800 and the precipitation of the difficulties which have led her to a prison cell.

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who was reposing so much confidence
in him. At his request she wrote her
name across the edges of the sealed envelope, and when he had signed a receipt which she handed to him to the
effect that he was the custodian of her
fortune, he dismissed the transaction
from his mind.

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Even during the trying times of the Reynolds receipt and a "Carnegie" last few months, when a few persons for \$250,000. At first he loaned her paratively small amounts, the claim he makes being the total of several smaller

sums.

In Elyria she was able to borrow nearly \$100,000, and how much in addition from other resources may never be known. A favorite method of procedure was to buy some thousands of dollars worth of jewels and then hypothecate them for loans. She still owes a Fifth Avenue, jeweller twenty-five thousand dollars balance and even though money poured in on her, she still apparently did not have enough for her wants. To many tradesmen small accounts are owed by her, even down to a livery bill for \$200 in Cleveland, \$1,400 for illinery to Louise & Co., and \$800 for linens to Jacques

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But these smaller debts are of comparatively recent origin. As long as she
found it easy to borrow from banks and individuals she was prompt in payment for purchases. It was only at the last that a few hundreds failed her, where before she had had thousands with which

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